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matical matters between states, and wish to revenge themselves on Japanese people for what the Japanese authorities and the Chinese authorities have agreed upon.

These are but about one-tenth of the novel and peculiar incidents relating to prize law. There are also many questions, such as those of claims for damages, questions concerning the nature of vessels which are exempt from capture at the commencement of war, questions of salvage concerning captured vessels, the question concerning a boat brought on board another vessel and put in dry dock in Japanese territory before the war, etc. To explain all of them would take several hours, and I refrain from doing so. I thank you for your very kind attention.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Porter). Gentlemen, this is an interesting subject, to which we have listened with much pleasure and instruction from the several gentlemen who have been kind enough to deliver addresses and read papers to us this morning, and these papers will go into our archives and be of exceeding value. They are now open for discussion. Are there any remarks to be made upon the interesting subject to which we have listened this morning, and which has been the topic of this meeting?

The Chair hears no desire from anyone to enter further into this discussion. It will now be in order to proceed to the annual election of officers.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Porter). What is your pleasure, gentlemen, in regard to conducting this election? We will now ask the Committee on Nominations to give their report.

Mr. BARROWS, of New York City. Mr. Chairman, there is a popular idea that it takes a long time in Washington to make up a political slate. Perhaps the action of this committee will dispel that notion. About twenty-four minutes after the committee met they had substantially agreed upon a list of officers, and I do not think it could be any better if they had taken twenty-four hours; but there

was an opportunity given some of the gentlemen named to accept, and so we have been able to secure the acceptance of some of the gentlemen whose names were in doubt. We have not felt any difficulty about coping with the problem of a third term, so far as our President is concerned, and it is a gratifying matter that not only the President but other members we have named, such as Hon. John Sharp Williams and Senator Cullom, consider it entirely consistent with their public duties to be connected with this Society and help guide its policy along the pathways, sometimes devious, of international law.

I will read the names of the officers. I will say that this committee does not nominate the officers of the Executive Committee nor the Secretary and Treasurer; they are nominated by the Executive Council.

The officers we have nominated are:

*President*

Hon. Elihu Root

*Vice-Presidents*

Chief Justice Fuller  
 Justice David J. Brewer  
 Justice William R. Day  
 Hon. William H. Taft  
 Hon. Andrew Carnegie  
 Hon. Joseph H. Choate  
 Hon. John W. Foster  
 Hon. George Gray  
 Hon. John W. Griggs  
 Hon. W. W. Morrow  
 Hon. Richard Olney  
 Gen. Horace Porter  
 Hon. Oscar S. Straus.

You will notice that the names of some of these gentlemen possibly may be nominated to other positions in the course of a year, but that will not interfere, we trust, with their relations to this Society.

Then as to the Executive Council. We are to nominate an Execu-

tive Council for 1911. Mr. Cousins felt obliged to resign. John Sharp Williams has been substituted. We have also used the names of Rear-Admiral Charles H. Stockton, United States Navy, and General George B. Davis, United States Army.

The names which the committee proposes are as follows:

Hon. Richard Bartholdt, Missouri  
 Prof. Charles Noble Gregory, Iowa  
 Hon. P. C. Knox, Pennsylvania  
 Hon. John Sharp Williams, Mississippi  
 Admiral Charles H. Stockton, District of Columbia  
 Gen. George B. Davis, District of Columbia  
 Charles B. Warren, Esq., Michigan  
 Prof. Theodore S. Woolsey, Connecticut

We are also to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. Andrew D. White of the Council elected to serve until 1910. We have substituted the name of Hon. Shelby M. Cullom, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the United States Senate.

The report is respectfully submitted.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Porter). What is your pleasure as to the mode of electing the officers thus nominated?

Mr. CHARLES N. GREGORY, of Iowa City, Iowa. I move that the Secretary cast one vote for the Society for the ticket so happily selected by our excellent machinery, the Nominating Committee.

[The motion was seconded and carried.]

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Porter). The Secretary is so directed.

Secretary Scott. As the result of the vote, the Secretary has cast a ballot for the entire ticket as proposed — not by the machinery, but by the members of the American Society of International Law.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Porter). The ballot has been cast, and the officers are duly elected.

Now, we shall proceed to the election of an honorary member. You know by our Constitution we are authorized to elect an honorary member each year. We will now proceed to that election, and shall be glad to hear the nomination made by this committee.

Mr. GEORGE G. WILSON, of Providence, R. I. The Committee on Nominations have reported to the Executive Council, and with the approval and in behalf of the Executive Council, now present for honorary membership in this Society the name of Louis Renault, a member of the First Peace Conference, a member of the Conference for the Revision of the Geneva Convention, a member of the Second Peace Conference, professor of law in Paris and also professor in the Free School of Political Sciences in Paris, a distinguished writer and author, and a friend of many who are pursuing the work of international law, and a beloved teacher. As you all know, he received one-half of the Nobel Peace Prize.

We already have honorary members from England and from Austria, but none of those would take precedence over the name of Louis Renault, which we now submit.

Mr. ELLERY C. STOWELL, of Washington, D. C. I second the nomination.

[The nomination was unanimously carried.]

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Porter). Louis Renault is unanimously elected, and I congratulate the Society upon having as an honorary member this very distinguished gentleman.

Mr. CHARLES H. BUTLER, of Washington, D. C. I would like to offer three resolutions, which I shall ask the Secretary to read.

The Secretary read as follows:

*Resolved:* That the papers and proceedings of this meeting relative to the topic of discussion, "Should the violation of treaties be made a Federal offense," be and hereby are referred to a special committee of five, with power to add to its numbers, to be appointed by the President, and that such committee report at the next annual meeting of the Society.

*Resolved:* That the papers and proceedings of this meeting relative to the topic of discussion, "The codification of international law: Its desirability and its progress," be and hereby are referred to a special committee of five, with power to add to its numbers, to be appointed by the President, and that such committee report at the next annual meeting of the Society.

*Resolved:* That the special committees appointed at this meeting be requested to place their reports in the hands of the Secretary prior

to the first day of January, 1909, and that as soon as possible after that date the reports be transmitted to the members of the Society, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay for the printing and circulation of such reports.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Porter). You have heard the resolutions. What is your pleasure in regard to them?

A MEMBER. I move that they be referred to the Executive Council, with power to act.

[The motion was seconded and carried.]

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Porter). Now, gentlemen, before we adjourn to meet here this afternoon at half-past two for the afternoon session, in which, as you will see by the program, the topic will be "The organization, jurisdiction, and procedure of an international court of prize," let me say a word with reference to the JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. Perhaps no periodical has made such progress in so short a time. Our membership has run up almost to a thousand, and we think we will increase rapidly in the future; the circulation of the JOURNAL has extended in all directions, and it has become the *vade mecum* of the diplomats in all quarters; it is attracting very much attention. In order to make a strong publication we ought to have an extra fund for this year, which will do very much good—very great good. There has, therefore, been prepared a subscription paper. This will state the action [reading from paper]:

The Executive Committee of the American Society of International Law desire to continue the publication of the JOURNAL at the present standard of form and quality, and respectfully invite subscriptions to a special publication fund to be devoted solely to the purpose aforesaid.

A subscription paper has been written out, and a number of names have been put down. I am glad to see that it contains quite a list of subscriptions, the lowest amount being \$10, some \$25, some \$50, and some \$100. This subscription paper will be placed upon this table at the right, and we hope that every member will contribute something toward this very important fund.

Now, the only other notice to be given, I believe, is in regard to the banquet tickets. They can be procured in the room just across

the way, and everyone who intends to be present at the banquet is requested to procure his tickets as soon as possible. The Secretary informs me that there are already one hundred and thirty-eight acceptances, so that we shall have a very large and respectable banquet to-night.

The Chair knows of no other business to be considered before we take a recess.

[At 12 noon a recess was taken until 2.30 p. m.]